



## Termly overview for parents and carers of children in Hawks Class Term 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a great half term break. As we head towards Christmas, we have a busy and exciting term ahead including parents evening, a fantastic star gazing night and, of course, our Christmas service at the church, led by our year 6s. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and Juniper communications for further details.

We intend to fully embrace our new topic, 'The Frozen Kingdom' through our usual cross-curricular approach. We will consider the importance of classification and adaptation of polar animals and plants and take a closer look at the people who inhabit Polar Regions. We will compare physical and human features of the Arctic and Antarctica, as well as discovering significant explorers of the regions from the first polar explorers to more modern-day expeditions. Our main class book, 'The Wolf Wilder' by K. Rundell and 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson will complement our topic.

In science and art we will also make links to our topic. We hope to investigate what keeps animals warm in the arctic and investigate how blubber can help regulate body temperature. We will virtually explore the North and South Poles and be inspired by Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak and landscape artist Ted Harrison. We will also be honing our sculpture skills this term as we create clay sculptures. In computing, we are very excited to welcome a local sixth form IT student in to deliver weekly animation workshops supporting Hawks to create their very own Christmas animations. We hope to share these with you at the end of term.

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday**, via our Ed Shed and Mathletics platforms, to be completed by the following **Tuesday**. Homework should not take more than 30 minutes per piece. If requiring extended time is an ongoing issue, please contact us. Further communication regarding homework has gone out this week. Please continue to ensure that your child reads with an adult at least 3 times a week and record use of their VIPERS skills, in their reading diaries. It is also important to practise multiplication and division facts as often as possible to support confidence, growth and fluidity, (Topmarks and Mathletics are useful).

Please make sure your child has a winter PE kit in school for the whole week. PE sessions are on Wednesdays this term. As the weather is cold and some sessions will be outside, please ensure your child has a long sleeve top, jogger bottoms and a fleece. Let us know if you need help providing these items. We will also be having a specialist dance teacher in each Thursday to help us to create a fantastic dance routine for Hawks class to take to the Chippenham Dance Festival.

School dinners still remain extremely popular and delicious; if you wish for your child to have school dinners, do remember to order online in the usual way.

A Curriculum Jigsaw is attached for your information alongside a Knowledge Organiser. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or concerns via email or by telephone.

Kind Regards  
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